TANF SERVICES FUNDED IN WISCONSIN

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Program Description:

The 1999-01 biennial budget appropriated \$975,000 in TANF funds to increase funding for domestic violence services for SFY 2000. DHFS awarded \$750,000 of these funds in grants to organizations to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and their children. Thirty organizations received grants in the amount of \$25,000 to provide a variety of support services to TANF-eligible victims including legal assistance and advocacy; programs to assist victims in finding employment and housing; services directed to children whom witness violence in their homes; and case management.

In addition, DHFS awarded TANF grants totaling \$200,000 to organizations improving services for TANF-eligible under-served populations, including racial minority group members and victims who may have mental illness or developmental disabilities.

Lastly, DHFS awarded a TANF grant of \$25,000 in 1999-00 to the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the cost of a staff person to provide assistance in obtaining legal services for victims of domestic violence.

Client Group Served:

Funds are targeted to victims of domestic violence who have minor children and have an income at or below 250 percent of poverty.

TOTAL TANF FUNDING: \$1,000,000